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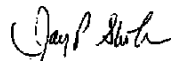
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German Utility Model No. DE 295 12 990 U1 discloses a vacuum cleaner having a housing with a suction aperture.

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